engaged in export of manpower abroad are duping a large number of people of their savings;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which have come to the notice of Government during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken to nab all such agencies and to safeguard the interests of the people?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) During the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95, 242 complaints were received against the Recruiting Agents registered with the Ministry of Labour.

(c) Complaints against Registered Recruiting agents are enquired into with the help of police authorites and the concerned Indian Missions abroad and action is taken, as appropriate in each case in accordence with the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983 and Rules framed thereunder. Complaints against un-registered recruiting agents are referred to the concerned police authorities for investigation. Complaints against foreign employers are taken up with the Indian Missions abroad. In addition, departmental action is taken against erring agents in terms of suspension and cancellation of licenses.

न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम, 1948 को लागू करने वाले राज्य

1351. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) किन-किन राज्यों में न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम, 1948 के उपबंधों को समुचित ढंग से लागू किया गया है ;

(ख) किन-किन राज्यों में उपर्युक्त अधिनियम के उपबंधों को समुचित ढंग से लागू नहीं किया गया है, और

(ग) खेतिहर मजदूरों की मजदूरी से संबंधित वर्षों से लम्बित विवादों की संख्या क्या है और इन लम्बित मामलों को शीघ्र निपटाने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री जी॰ वेंकट स्वामी): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Prices of Edible Oils

1352. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 16 and Unstarred Question 97 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27.11.95 and state what has been the selling and procurement prices of edible oils obtainable in the open market/Super Bazar/Kendriya Bhandar, branch-wise during the year 1995 (so far)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): The Purchase price and selling price of various edible oils in the branches of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar and also the open market price can be seen in the enclosed statement. [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 36].

Changes in Guidelines for Investment by Indian Corporates

1353. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently notified any major changes in the guidelines for investment by Indian Corporates in joint ventures abroad making it easier for them to acquire companies overseas; and

(b) if so, the details of the changes made and the salient features of the benefits accruing to Indian Companies therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Copy of the Revised guidelines for Indian Direct